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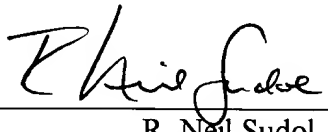
Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a), applicant encloses herewith a copy of an Information Disclosure Citation listing patent documents relevant to the background of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application.

The references listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Citation, Form 1449, have been cited in parent applications Serial No. 09/121,477 and 09/426,744; filed July 23, 1998 and October 25, 1999 respectively. Those applications are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Accordingly, copies of the listed references are not provided herewith. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).)

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the enclosed references in determining the patentability of the claimed invention. Applicant also requests that the Examiner return a copy of the enclosed Information Disclosure Citation with initials or other marks indicating that the references have been so considered.

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